

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Aviation Subcommittee**

**Aeronautics Auditorium
2700 East Airport Service Drive
Capital City Airport**

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2008

Start Time: 9:10 a.m.

Present: Bill Gehman, Dan DeGraaf, Keith Ledbetter, Sylvester Payne, Kirk Steudle.

Absent: Linda Miller Atkinson, Mike Fikes, James Koslosky, Robert Struck.

Tim Hoeffner opened the meeting by discussing the material that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) provided the subcommittee members and what the TF2 has stated they are looking for from the Citizens Advisory Council. Mr. Hoeffner also discussed the TF2 web site (www.michigan.gov/tf2) and indicated that material from subcommittee meetings will be available there, as will reports and studies from other sources that may inform the subcommittee in their deliberations.

Mr. Ledbetter made a motion to make Gehman chairperson of the Aviation Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. DeGraaf, unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

Mr. Gehman lead discussion of subcommittee schedule and members agreed to the following schedule:

May 1, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
May 16, 2008	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June 2, 2008	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June 13, 2008	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Matt Brinker from MDOT presented material on aviation and aviation funding in Michigan. Questions and discussion followed.

Rick Hammond from MDOT presented material on the Michigan Airport System Plan. Questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Gehman led discussion of information to be presented/provided and discussed at the next subcommittee meeting. The list of research and assignments follows:

Airport capital needs as described in the five year plans for Michigan airports – attempt to determine the mix of reconstruction/rehabilitation versus capacity improvement needs and any other information or summaries deemed pertinent. MDOT will research this.

Economic data illustrating the importance of Michigan airports – system-wide as well as specific examples from airports around the state. MDOT will research this.

Pavement condition data – MDOT will research this.

Best guess at what it would cost to maintain pavements at current levels. MDOT will research this.

Other issues the subcommittee may investigate, but where no assignments were made for research to be completed:

Examining whether we are capturing all available federal funds

Examining how we divide up available revenue and select projects to fund.

The cost of doing nothing with aviation funding

The role corporate and business aircraft have on Michigan's economy.

MDOT will also provide subcommittee members a copy of the updated Michigan Airport System Plan once it is presented to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

End Time: 11:25 am